



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 030662-075 Patent 1712

In re Patent Application of

Mitsuyoshi ICHIHASHI et al.

Application No.: 09/899,031

Filing Date: July 6, 2001

Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING LIQUID CRYSTAL MOLECULES AND ALIGNMENT PROMOTER

Group Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: Michael J. Feely

Confirmation No.: 3745

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☒ Also enclosed is/are two (2) Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132;  
Statement Under 35 U.S.C. 103(c);  
form PTO-1449 with four (4) documents; and  
copy of PTO-stamped postcard for IDS filed January 21, 2003.

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	50	MINUS 23 =	27	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 486.00
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 3 =	2	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 172.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 658.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 658.00</b>

- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☒ Charge \$ 658.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

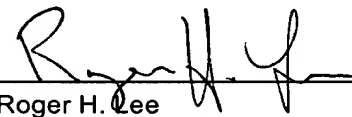
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**AMENDMENT, SUBMISSION OF DECLARATIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132, AND  
SUBMISSION OF STATEMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on October 15, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper. As well, Applicants' remarks begin at page 12 of this paper.

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